

News

# 2022 Humboldt Alumni Awards presented – New application round open

Awards for the best network initiatives launched by Humboldtians go to Greece, Italy, Nepal, Nigeria and the People's Republic of China. Applications for the 2023 Humboldt Alumni Awards are being accepted through 30 November 2022.

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The Humboldt Alumni Award winners Egodi Uchendu, Evangelia G. Dafni, Babita Paudel Bhattarai, Miriam Ravetto and Yan Tang (left to right)

The Humboldt Alumni Award supports initiatives developed by Humboldtians to deepen academic and cultural ties between Germany and the individual alumnus' home country and strengthen alumni networks.

The following initiatives were singled out for an award: An initiative developed by Humboldt Research Fellow Evangelia G. Dafni that revolves around the concept of human dignity and human rights in the past and present; a network for sharing expertise and cooperation in the area of art communication which was launched by Humboldt Research Fellow Miriam Ravetto; an initiative conceived by Georg Forster Research Fellow Babita Paudel Bhattarai to foster female researchers in STEM fields in Nepal; a campaign initiated by Georg Forster Research Fellow Egodi Uchendu to cope with waste problems at a Nigerian university; and a network established by German Chancellor Fellow Yan Tang for sharing expertise and knowledge in the area of urban and regional planning.

Brief portraits of the Humboldtians selected to receive a Humboldt Alumni Award which comes with up to €30,000 for establishing networking initiatives are available [here](#).

Interested Humboldt alumni have until 30 November 2022 to apply for a 2023 Humboldt Alumni Award. The Humboldt Alumni Award is financed by the Federal Foreign Office.


## Sponsored networking initiatives

### 2022 Humboldt Alumni Award

For the fourteenth time now, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is awarding Humboldtians abroad for innovative networking ideas. The selected projects are being developed by Humboldt alumni to promote the academic and cultural ties between Germany and the home countries of the individual alumni, get discipline- and topic-driven researcher networks involved, and strengthen collaboration in the respective region. Each award comes with up to €30,000 in funding. One of the Humboldt Alumni Awards will be specifically granted to foster an initiative to network female researchers.

It will be awarded to an initiative that promotes and boosts the careers of female researchers and their collaboration partners, with consideration being given to the individuals' professional and family-related responsibilities. A further Humboldt Alumni Award will be granted to foster innovative formats for science communication. It will go to an initiative where researchers and their collaboration partners work to create a dialogue between science and society and which helps build the public's trust in scientific findings.

This year, initiatives developed by Humboldtians from China, Greece, Italy, Nepal and Nigeria were



**Capacity Building of Female Academics and Researchers of STEM Field Through Networking to Reduce the Gender Gap in Nepal**  
The Georg Forster Research Fellow Babita Paudel Bhattarai is head of the CENAS Center for Natural and Applied Sciences in Kathmandu, Nepal.

### *Humboldt Alumni Award for Networking Female Researchers*

At universities in Nepal, the number of male and female students who earn their first tertiary-level qualification is approximately equal. However, a discernible gender gap can already be observed in Master's degree programmes, with women being especially under-represented in MINT subjects. A variety of support measures is needed in order to support female academics in Nepal as they pursue higher education and to put men and women on equal footing in science. With her Capacity Building of Female Academics and Researchers of STEM Field Through Networking to Reduce the Gender Gap in Nepal initiative, Babita Paudel Bhattarai is developing network-based offerings for female scientists in Nepal in order to inform them about career options, foster international collaboration and offer training on professional and career development. Babita Paudel Bhattarai's initiative will bring together Nepalese Humboldtians and academics from universities and dedicated individuals from non-university research institutes and ministries who will join forces to realise gender equality in research and development.